GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:454
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2001
HEALTH FACILITIES
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up any committee to grant special status to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said committee is likely to submit its report;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up Institute of Medical Science in each Capital of the States to provide better facilities to people of that State in their Home State;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to provide national level modern medical facilities to people who could not come to Delhi for their treatment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 454 FOR 18.4.2001

a) to (c): The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) was established in 1956 by an Act of Parliament and was declared as ar Institution of National Importance.A Working Group has been constituted to look into the pay structure, perks and attendant infrastructure of `Centres of Excellence` in the medical and scientific areas with Secretary, Department of Expenditure as Convener. The composition of the Working Group is as under:

i) Secretary, Department of Expenditure - Convener
ii) Secretary, Department of Secondary Education & Higher Education.
iii) Secretary, Department of Science & Technology.
iv) Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training.
v) Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi.
vi) Director, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.
vii) Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, New Delhi.
viii) Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.

The Working Group will develop norms and parameters which would enable the `Centres of Excellence` to be separated and identified for the purpose of long term development of such institutions. The AIIMS also comes under the terms of reference of the Working Group.

(d) to (f): `Health` is a State subject and the development of hospitals and other related matters is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, keeping in view the requirements of the North Eastern Region, the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) is being established at Shillong on the model of AIIMS, New Delhi. It will be 500 bedded referral hospital with 35 postgraduate teaching departments in various specialities and super-specialities. The State Government of Meghalaya has provided land at Mawdiangdiang for the proposed Institute and the project is likely to be completed by the year 2005.